As regards the provision of urinals for the Training School and the Fort Primary School and a latrine for the boarding house attached to the Special School, I see the Director of Public Instruction reports that these matters have been pending reports from both the Inspectors and I shall instruct the Director of Public Instruction to issue orders to them to send their reports forthwith.

In regard to the removal of liquor shops in the municipality of yours, you will be pleased to hear that the Government have ordered the abolition of two shops in Mavelikara town from the next auction sales.

As to the levy of tolls, I am not prepared to extend the right of levying tolls to any more municipalities.

100. Needs of the Pattanamtitta taluk.

MR. V. I. CHACKO (*Member, Pattanamtitta taluk*) represented about the following needs of the Pattanamtitta taluk :—

(1) A Munsiff's court. The area of the Pattanamtitta taluk was 900 square miles and its population over a lakh. But there was no Munsiff's court in the taluk. The nearest Munsiffs' courts were those of Chengannur and Adur. The distance from the eastern pakuthies of the Pattanamtitta taluk to these courts was no less than forty miles. To add to this, there were the Achankoil and the Pampa rivers on the way the crossing of which particularly in the rainy season was no easy job. It was in recognition of these difficulties that a Munsiff's court was established at Pattanamtitta even fifty years ago. But that court was subsequently taken away. In respect of the want of a Munsiff's court, Pattanamtitta stood alone among the taluks of the Quilon Division. There were for example Munsiffs' courts at Quilon, Kottarakara, Adur, Chengannur, Tiruvalla, Mavelikara, Kartikapally, Karunagapally, and Krishnapuram, all at an average distance of about ten miles from each other. But Pattanamtitta had no Munsiff's court, though the area of the taluk was 900 square miles.

(2) A dispensary at Ranni. Ranni was one of the seven important pakuthies of the Pattanamtitta taluk. In area it was as big as an ordinary taluk and its population numbered thirty thousand. Situated close to mountains and dense forests, Ranni was not quite a healthy place. But the only medical institutions in this locality were two Ayurveda Vaidyasalas. It could be conceived what real service those two Vaidyasalas would be of to a population of thirty thousand. The nearest allopathic hospitals were those at Kozhanchery, Pattanamtitta and Konni, 12, 14, and 18 miles away respectively from Ranni. The number of patients who resorted to these hospitals was but few. In fact nothing short of a dispensary at Ranni itself would be an adequate relief to the people of the place.

(3) A Vishavaidyasala was equally necessary at Ranni.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr, Chacko, the High Court express the opinion that it is not necessary to establish a Munsiff's court in your taluk. I dare say that when they take up the whole question of revising the present arrangement of the territorial jurisdiction of courts in all Travancore the High Court will bear this in mind also.

The dispensary at Ranni seems to have had a curious history. As long ago as 1922 Government took up the question of a dispensary at Ranni. The Darbar Physician was of opinion that it was desirable. Government asked him what would be the cost recurring and non-recurring, and instructed him to provide funds in the Budget for 1099 for a dispensary at Ranni. Provision was accordingly made. After having made provision, the medical authorities did nothing further. So, the question of the Ranni dispensary seems to have been lost sight of. However, I will ask the Administrative Board to take up the question again.

The list of Vaidyasalas has already been arranged and I do not think it will be possible to take up the question of Vishavaidyasala this year.

101. Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. C. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Member, Tiruvalla taluk, Group II*) referred first of all to the Chengannur-Mannar road. As the result of a representation made by the same member about this road at the 22nd session of the

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Assembly, it was constructed for about 2½ miles in 1102. But that portion was carried away by floods and in the Budget of 1103 no provision was made for repairing it. Unless the road was repaired soon, the money spent in constructing it would be a waste. Funds should therefore be provided some how for repairing the road.

Two bridges were necessary, one at Aikad and the other at Kozhipalam. It was understood that estimates had been prepared for these two bridges. They should be constructed soon.

Provision had been made in the Budget of 1103 for metalling portions of the Puliyur-Mannar road. The metalling should be done as early as possible.

Culverts should be constructed on the Kodukulanji-Venmani road, and also on the Arattupuzha-Maramon road.

There were one or two less important needs which could not none the less be ignored. They were the provision of a ferry boat on the Pampa river at Pallikkadavu and another at Edanad, the construction of a shed at the Sastampuram market, and the sinking of a well in the market.

Other things which were necessary were a women and children's hospital, a Satrom, and an English High School for girls at Chengannur, a Sub-Registrar's office at Pandalam, and a police out-post at Kollakadavu.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai, some work has already been done on the repair of the flood damages in the Chengannur-Mannar road, and further improvements will be attended to from the maintenance funds if the people round about will co-operate and provide facilities for earth for raising the embankments.

In regard to the construction of two small bridges one at Aikad and the other at Kozhipalam, the Chief Engineer has sent up an estimate and he points out that the cost is large and not likely to be small as you think.

As for the construction of the Puliyoor-Mannar road, the subject was brought at the last session of the S. M. P. A. and an estimate has been sanctioned, funds being provided this year for improving this road, and the work is now in progress.

As regards the construction of a few culverts on the Kodukulanji-Venmani road and the construction of the Arattupuzha-Maramon road, the Chief Engineer will take up this question.

You have got a ferry at Puthencavu. Why do you want one at Pallikkadavu ?

MEMBER : No boat at Pallikkadavu.

DEWAN : I shall ask the Chief Engineer to transfer one of the ferry boats at Puthenkavu to Pallikkadavu.

In regard to the necessity of a ferry boat at the eastern extremity of Edanad in Pampa river, there is already a ferry maintained by the Public Works Department at Edanad.

MEMBER : That is at the northern extremity. We want a ferry at the eastern extremity.

DEWAN: I shall have enquiries made. But I do not hold out any hope.

As regards the well at the Sastampuram market, a sum of Rs. 260 has already been sanctioned by the Land Revenue Commissioner and he is also considering the question of the well. I dare say, he will also enquire into the shed as these are within the power of the Land Revenue Commissioner.

There is already a well-equipped hospital at Tiruvalla and there is hardly any necessity for a hospital at Chengannur.

The question of raising the local English Middle School for girls to a High School is under consideration by the Director.

There has been an extra Sub-Registrar's office at Pandalam. It is impossible, the Police Commissioner states, to locate an out-post at every place of some importance and that there is no justification for putting up an out-post at Kollakadavu.

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